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SUBJECT: KARLIS VETRA

REF: STATE 296193, STATE 237175, MOSCOW 15649

DURING CALL ON MFA USA DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR
FEDOSEYEV DEC 8, ACTING POL COUNSELOR RAISED VETRA CASE,
NOTING SPECIAL INTEREST OF WHITE HOUSE

BM FEDOSEYEV

ANSWERED THAT ON PREVIOUS OCCASION WHEN THIS SUBJECT WAS
RAISED HE HAD SAID IT WAS AN INTERNAL SOVIET MATTER.
HOWEVER, HE DID LOOK INTO IT AND LEARNED THE FOLLOWING.
VETRA HAD SERVED IN THE GERMAN ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II,
HAD SUBSEQUENTLY GONE INTO HIDING, AND THEN KILLED TWO
SOVIET SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED A THIRD. HE WAS TRIED BY A
MILITARY TRIBUNAL IN 1953 OR 1954 AND SENTENCED TO 25
YEARS. EVEN IN THOSE DAYS, FEDOSEYEV OBSERVED, 25 YEARS
WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EXCESSIVELY LONG SENTENCE FOR MERELY
LISTENING TO FOREIGN BROADCASTS. ASKED ABOUT VETRA'S
PRESENT STATUS, FEDOSEYEV ANSWERED THAT HE IS "ALL
RIGHT, BUT STILL VERY HOSTILE".

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